



**CORPORATION OF THE  
CITY OF CLARENCE-ROCKLAND  
BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2019  
Council Chambers  
415 rue Lemay Street, Clarence Creek, Ont.

**PRESENT:** Mario Zanth, Deputy Mayor  
Samuel Cardarelli, Councillor Ward 1  
Carl Grimard, Councillor Ward 3  
Don Bouchard, Councillor Ward 4  
André J. Lalonde, Councillor Ward 5  
Christian Simard, Councillor Ward 6  
Michel Levert, Councillor Ward 7  
Diane Choinière, Councillor Ward 8  
Monique Ouellet, Clerk  
Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk

**ABSENT:** Guy Desjardins, Mayor

**1. Opening of the meeting**

Deputy Mayor Zanth calls the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

**RECOMMENDATION COW2019-01**

**Moved by** Carl Grimard

**Seconded by** Don Bouchard

**THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests (none)**

**4. Public requests**

**4.2 Request presented by Andréa Delorme, President of the Chamber of commerce regarding Chamber's Park on March 21, 2018**

The Deputy Mayor Zanth explains that this request was submitted to Council in March 2018 and asks that Council keeps in mind as the budget process unfolds.

#### **4.3 Presentation of a request by Mrs. Jocelyne Leroux in regards to the exterior skating rink boards in Bourget**

Mrs. Jocelyne Leroux of 108 Lévis, explains that the Bourget rink boards are in really bad condition and asks that Council considers their replacement to PVC in the 2019 Budget. She adds that the school board has given a written consent to use this space for community activities throughout the year.

Further to questions, Mr. Pierre Boucher explains that the Rockland skating rink board upgrades have been prioritized in this year's budget further to the changes that occurred last year with the Hammond skating rink.

Further to questions, Mr. Boucher explains that the project proposed by Mrs. Leroux would cost approximately \$40,000, excluding the fees for the asphalt slab.

Further to questions, Mr. Boucher explains that if an installation is being proposed, the school board would have to be involved.

Mrs. Leroux explains that some community partners would like to participate in the cost of this project.

#### **5. Presentation of an overview of the 2019 Preliminary Budget**

Mr. Robert Kehoe explains the proposed process for the budget deliberations.

Mr. Frédéric Desnoyers presents the budget overview. He explains that the proposed budget amount represents what is required to re-establish the 2017 service level.

Further to questions, Mr. Desnoyers explains that when a project is debt financed, the impact may not be shown until two years after its approval.

Further to questions, Mr. Desnoyers explains that the proposed waste tonnage fee increase is being recommended in order to reach the market.

#### **4.1 Petition submitted by Richard Gadoua regarding improvements on Brazeau Road on June 18, 2018**

Mr. Richard Gadoua, of 1103 Brazeau, reiterates the petition that was presented at the June 18, 2018, Regular meeting regarding improvements to be made to Brazeau Road.

Further to questions, Mr. Julian Lenhart explains that this road has a lot of problems, including drainage issues. He adds that a surface treatment for this road would approximately be a \$600,000 expense.

Mr. Pierre Parent, of 1148 Brazeau, explains that ditch works were completed this year but there is still erosion along his driveway.

**RECOMMENDATION COW2019-02**

**Moved by** Don Bouchard

**Seconded by** Diane Choinière

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the special committee of the whole meeting be adjourned in order to discuss the following item, as stipulated in Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended:

6.1. CIH proposal

**CARRIED**

Members of Council move to the conference room adjacent to the Council Chambers at 6:50 p.m. and return to the Council Chambers at 7:34 p.m.

**RECOMMENDATION COW2019-03**

**Moved by** Michel Levert

**Seconded by** Samuel Cardarelli

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the closed meeting be adjourned to resume the special committee of the whole meeting.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Zanth informs the members of the public that Council discussed the CIH proposition in closed session.

Mr. Frédéric Desnoyers explains the document entitled “Operating Budget Changes”, which includes changes to the corporate revenues and expenditures, Council and Community Services budgets.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the following changes be approved as recommended:

- Reduction of \$50,000 from the Corporate Revenues and Expenditures budget to eliminate contingency for Council salaries;

- Addition of \$32,329 from the Council budget to add the impact of Council salaries adjustment;
- Reduction of \$1,000 from the Community Services budget to balance indirect salaries;
- Addition of \$4,000 from the Community Services budget to address hydro fees for the St-Pascal Community Centre;
- Reduction of \$3,200 from the Community Services budget to reduce natural gas fees for the St-Pascal Community Centre.

## 6. **Community Services' 2018 Preliminary Budget Presentation**

Mr. Pierre Boucher presents the Community Services budget pressures.

Further to questions about the overtime, Mr. Robert Kehoe explains that the employer must respect the collective agreements.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$8,000 for the Community Relations overtime budget, be rejected.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$6,000 for the Info-City be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$2,500 for the Expo Clarence-Rockland, be rejected.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$400 for the grant to Meals on Wheels, be rejected.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$8,500 for free public skating during holidays and March Break be approved.

Further to questions, Mr. Pierre Boucher explains that the request for the Halloween Carnival should be considered in the same manner as other similar events. He adds that the contribution is based on the size of the event.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$3,000 for the City's contribution of the Optimist Club Halloween Carnival be reduced to \$1,000.

Further to questions, Mr. Martin Irwin gives clarifications about the Virtual Exhibit.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,800 for the Virtual Exhibit be reduced to \$900.

Further to questions, Mr. Pierre Boucher explains that the Cultural and Artistic Activities Financial Assistance Program funds are allocated through an application process.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$3,000 for the Cultural and Artistic Activities Financial Assistance Program be rejected.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$2,750 for other remuneration be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$18,000 for the snow removal be reduced of \$9,000.

Further to questions, Mr. Jean-Luc Jubinville confirms that the contract for the Clarence Creek Arena canteen ends on August 2019.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget reduction in the amount of \$3,000 for the canteen revenues be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,300 for free skating be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$7,500 for grants to organizations be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,000 for mechanical repairs be reduced to \$10,000.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** consideration of the proposed budget in the amount of \$200,000 for the Clarence-Rockland Arena Operations be deferred.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget in the amount of \$20,000 for the New Tree Program be approved.

Request from the École secondaire catholique l'Escale regarding ice rental fees for the Clarence Creek Arena:

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** an amount of \$150/h be charged for the ice rental at the Clarence Creek Arena for the "sport-études" program at the "école secondaire catholique l'Escale", being the operational costs.

Other comments:

Councillor Don Bouchard suggests that the organization of shows at the Optimist Performance Hall be added in 2019 Budget. He explains that the City needs to grant an amount of \$50,000 in order to schedule the artists. He explains that this

project will be self-financed. Mr. Robert Kehoe suggests that the administration prepare a report about this matter for the consideration of Council.

**DIRECTIVE : THAT** the administration be mandated to prepare a report regarding the organization of shows at the Optimist Performance Hall.

Break from 8:48 pm to 8:56 pm.

Proposed increase in user fees for Community Services:

Mr. Jean-Luc Jubinville gives an overview of the proposed increase to the user fees.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed increases in user fees for Community Services be approved.

Daycares:

Further to questions, Mr. Pierre Boucher confirms that the school board uses the money raised from rents to improve the rooms.

Further to questions, Mrs. Morris-Bouchard explains that there are no rental fees for after-school groups in the agreement with the CSDCEO.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed budget for the daycare be approved.

Public Transit:

Further to discussions and questions, Mr. Pierre Boucher explains the contract details.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the Administration be mandated to prepare a report regarding the public transit for the February 20, 2019, meeting.

Capital Budget:

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the fire extinguishing system be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$250,000 for the construction of the Rockland City Hall Parking be reduced to \$200,000.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$40,000 for the Rockland City Hall plan and estimate layout of departments project be deferred to 2020 Budget.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$13,000 for the Clarence-Rockland Arena hood fan be rejected.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$35,000 for emergency stairs be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$60,000 for the Clarence Creek Arena Lobby be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$15,000 for the emergency evacuation plan be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$20,000 for the Hammond Community Centre be approved.

**DIRECTIVE: THAT** the proposed capital budget in the amount of \$75,000 for the Community Services garage be reduced to \$25,000.

## **7. Adjournment**

The Deputy Mayor adjourns the meeting at 10:31 pm.

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Mario Zanth, Deputy Mayor

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Maryse St-Pierre, Deputy Clerk